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SUBJECT: Meeting with Capt. L. O. Mathews, USN,

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Present: Capt. L. O. Mathews, USN

Cdr. E. C. Bloats, USN, deputy to Capt, R. E. Styles

LCdr. John Madden, USN

Capt. K. A. Knowles

Col. R. H. Boberg William

1. We This meeting was arranged as a result of a telephone call yesterday from Capt. Mathews, Chief of Staff to Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Capt. Mathews said in the call that he had recently reported for duty as Chief of Staff and that Adm. Byrd, as a result of his appointment to Officer in Charge of the U. S. Antarctic Program, wished to render certain reports to OCB regarding the Antarctic Program. Among these reports was to be included the status of the NIS on Antarctica. Since this matter was classified I requested that Capt. Mathews, together with the Navy member of the NIS Committee, meet with me this morning to discuss the problem. The transfer of the state art yn kriet trof befal en oar is it wol om oar oan de beske ar oegen ar het de bet

- Capt. Mathews said that, in amplification of his conversation yesterday and in view of Adm. Byrd's large authority stemming from the Deputy Secretary of Defense letter of 21 October 1955, he desired to render a comprehensive report of the over-all Antarctic Pregram to the OCB prior to his departure to the Antarctic which is to occur approximately 23 November.
- CONTRACTOR A PROPERTY OF A CONTRACTOR OF A CON I explained to Capt. Mathews that the requirement for an NIS on Antarctica stemmed from Adm. Dufek's letter of 16 August 1955, the purpose of this requirement being to pull together all information on Antarctica relative to history, geography, and economic value as a basis for U.S. policy decision as to (a) most valuable areas of the continent, and (b) the legal position of various countries vis-a-vis claims to parte of Antarctica and further stated that the NIS Committee had accepted the responsibility as a result of meetings on 23 and 30 August 1955 and would accord priority to this requirement to a degree necessary to complete the NIS on Antarctica by early next year. All this had been reported in a letter from me to Adm. Dufek on 1 September 1955. Inasmuch as this specified the detailed requirement and indicated the time of completion, I questioned whether any interim report would be any more meaningful since all agencies charged with fulfilling this responsibility had already reported being on schedule. and makes to path in high

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- chisalities are all or their regular processors tened by the particle of the backing of I told Capt. Mathews that it was the desire of CIA and of the 🕟 NIS Committee to assist the Admiral in every possible way. In view of this I felt that such a letter could be written certainly as a courtesy to have a con-Adm. Byrd, and unless my Agency had objections I would prepare it and send it to him before the deadline indicated above (23 November). To account a<mark>kkarink</mark>an jirrek tarine este oli oli ja otta tahun este kalin piritani yese je este ingotinggi ek
- In addition to this arrangement which was fully satisfactory to Capt. Mathews, I pointed out that Lieut. (jg) G. Hampton had called upon me and carether NIS Committee members to inquire about the number of people - working on the project and their actual names and locations. From his there attitude it appeared that there was some concern on the part of Adm . Byrd 's staff as to the reliability of the material which we were putting together in view of the fact that no experts on Antarctica were utilized to compile the Survey, 1 pointed out to Capt. Mathews that inasmuch as all the experts were going with Task Force 43 to Antarctica, each agency was utilizing an arms the best available talent; and inasmuch as the information is being extracted from official reports of previous experts, there would not seem to be any and question that valid information would be forthcoming. At the same time I indicated to Capt. Mathews that we would welcome any assistance that could be given by Adm. Byrd or his staff on improving the NIS on Antarctica. on the horology bec<mark>neticated</mark> the
 - Capt. Mathews said that Admir Byrd would be in Washington next week and he would take that occasion to indicate our desires to assist him in every way and to get such expert counsel as the Admiral could accord the survey. The wife of good, to the meaning operation i Cirific II i granisal agra (pili mr. 20 ggarremet (2000)

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